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For: SEALING ELEMENT, HERMETIC
CONTAINER AND SEALING METHOD
THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004 (Paper No. 20041209), finally rejecting claims 1, 3-10 and 12, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.